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**Subject:** Media Availability: Azerbaijan's Ambassador to the U.S.

Elin Suleymanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United States, is available for interviews. He agreed with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo today that Azerbaijan and Armenia should talk to resolve tensions along the Azerbaijan-Armenia border.

Secretary of State Pompeo <u>spoke</u> about Azerbaijan-Armenia violence today. He said: "The United States is deeply concerned about the recent deadly violence along the Armenia-Azerbaijan international border. We offer our condolences to all of the victims. We urge the sides to deescalate immediately and reestablish a meaningful dialogue and a ceasefire to resume substantive negotiations with the Minsk Group as co-chairs." Ambassador Suleymanov <u>endorsed</u> Secretary Pompeo's suggestion that Azerbaijan and Armenian hold substantive talks.

Recent clashes between Azerbaijan and Armenia over territory internationally recognized as Azerbaijani resulted in 16 fatalities, including the death of a 76-year-old disabled Azerbaijani civilian whose home was struck by Armenian artillery shelling.

Who: Elin Suleymanov, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United States

What: Interview

When: July 15-25

For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact Alex Ellis, aellis@bgrpr.com.

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